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Dear Dr. Hockett,

The purpose of my writing to you is to solicit from The Council for Tobacco Research a possible contribution of $1,000 - $2,000 in support of the 1977 Deuel Lipid Conference that will be held at the Highland Inn, Carmel, California, March 2-5, 1977.

These conferences have been going on for more than 20 years and were initiated by the late Harry Deuel, and were devoted mostly to the vexed and still unsolved problem of atherosclerosis and related fields. I attach for you the program for the next year's conference.

I believe, from my encounter with your Council a little over a year ago at Santa Barbara, that the topics of discussion at the next Deuel Conference - as indeed at many of the preceeding ones - fall well within the interests of The Council for Tobacco Research. The conference is a small one, limited by the accommodation available at the Highland Inn to about 60 people. Each conference is planned around a main topic, and the invited speakers and discussants are chosen from among the most active researchers in the field. The value of these conferences is that members have an opportunity not only to hear the latest developments in lipid biochemistry, but also to participate in the long and lively discussions that follow each session.

The Deuel Lipid Conferences have been supported in the past by pharmaceutical houses. The funds are used exclusively to reimburse the travel and hotel expenses of the invited speakers and discussants and occasionally of the session chairmen. Our treasurer, Dr. Rolf T. Holman, of the Hormel Institute, has just calculated that for this year's conference we need $10,400, but we have, so far, only about $8,000. It would be much appreciated if The Council for Tobacco Research were willing to help to bridge the gap by a contribution. It is the time-honored custom that each contributing organization is invited to send two representatives to the Conference. Thus, if the Council were willing to

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make a donation we should welcome two of the Council's members or any other two individuals you care to nominate.

May I express the hope that your Council would be willing to support the 1977 Deuel Conference on Lipids.

Yours sincerely,

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